

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-18 Building Date: ca. 1892  
Building Name: Tise-Hannon House  
Location: 5220 42nd Place, Hyattsville, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Accessible

Description:

The Tise-Hannon house is a two-and-one-half story, frame, gable-roofed dwelling house with Queen Anne decorative features. The main block is four bays by three, with horizontal board siding and an off-center pedimented cross gable in the east facade. The off-center main entrance has double paneled doors, and an elliptical fanlight with lead tracery and sidelights with similar tracery. The doorway is covered by a one-story, one-bay, gable-roofed porch supported by double Doric columns, and approached by a flight of steps. The pedimented gable above the entrance has a boxed cornice, within which there is a small 2/2 window and several rows of decorative fish-scale shingles above and below the window. Extending the full height of the house, and at a 45° angle from the southeast corner of the main block, is a rectangular projecting tower. A two-and-one-half story, gable-roofed, semi-hexagonal bay extends from the southwest corner of the main block of the house. A gable-roofed, two-story, one-bay wing extends from the rear (west) elevation, with a small, one-story shed-roofed porch at the southwest corner. The third bay of the north gable end is slightly recessed, providing a deeper cornice overhang. The roof is asphalt shingle; the house rests on a high brick foundation. Exposed rafter ends punctuate the overhanging eaves, and windows are 2/2 double-hung sash, generally arranged in pairs.

Significance:

The Tise-Hannon house is a fine example of an urban transitional Queen Anne style dwelling. It incorporates many lively Queen Anne elements, e.g., projecting tower and bay, and fishscale-shingled pediments, while at the same time featuring Classical Revival elements in the entrance porch and the interior. The house was built by George and Rachel Tise, circa 1892, on lots which they had purchased in 1890 in Wine and Johnson's Second Addition to Hyattsville. The Tises, who ran a retail grocery in Hyattsville, sold their house in 1905; it was later the home of the Kessler family for more than twenty years. The Kesslers sold the house in 1931 to the Rogers family, who undertook several alterations. A Victorian porch which spanned the east facade was removed, and the present Classical Revival porch was built at the entrance. The house is a noticeable landmark; it is one of many Victorian houses still standing in good condition in historic Hyattsville, but is unique in its plan, and a good example of its period and style.

Acreage: 14,131 square feet

Magi No.

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Tise House

and/or common Hannon House

## 2. Location

street &amp; number 5220 42nd Place \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Hyattsville \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	___ military	___ other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Martin and Alice Hannon

street &amp; number 5220 42nd Place telephone no.:

city, town Hyattsville state and zip code MD. 20781

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 3041

street &amp; number Main Street folio 12

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Tise-Hannon house is a two-and-one-half story, frame, gable-roofed Victorian dwelling house with Queen Anne decorative features. It stands on a wooded lot in a residential community. The main block is four bays by three, with horizontal board siding, and has an off-center pedimented cross gable in the main (east) facade.

The off-center main entrance has double paneled doors, and an elliptical fanlight with lead tracery and sidelights with similar tracery. The doorway is covered by a one-story, one-bay, gable-roofed porch supported by double Doric columns, and approached by a flight of steps. A one-story wing with a balustrade extends from each side of the entrance porch across a portion of the front facade. The pedimented gable above the entrance has a boxed cornice, within which there is a small 2/2 window and several rows of decorative fish-scale shingles above and below the window.

Extending the full height of the house, and at a 45° angle from the southeast corner of the main block, is a rectangular projecting tower. A single, small 2/2 window occupies the space beneath its gable roof, while both the first and second stories of the tower have double 2/2 windows.

A two-and-one-half story, gable-roofed, semi-hexagonal bay extends from the southwest corner of the main block of the house. A single, small, 2/2 window occupies the space beneath the gable peak and there are larger 2/2 double windows in the first and second stories of the bay.

Between the projecting bays at the southeast and southwest corners of the south elevation is a one-story, shed-roofed screened porch with fluted Doric columns at each corner. There is a small gabled dormer on the south roof elevation.

A gable-roofed, two-story, one-bay wing extends from the rear (west) elevation, with a small, one-story shed-roofed porch at the southwest corner. There is a one story, shed-roofed, one bay addition at the northwest corner with a small porch and an entrance. The third bay of the north elevation is slightly recessed, providing a deeper cornice overhang for an entrance at that corner.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		local history

Specific dates ca. 1892 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The house was built by George and Rachel Tise, circa 1892, on lots which they had purchased in 1890 in Wine and Johnson's Second Addition to Hyattsville.<sup>1</sup> Their house lots fronted on Avon Avenue (now 42nd Place), just west of the Ravenswood estate, which was one of the oldest homes in the area (it was demolished in the 1950's). This section of Hyattsville had been platted in 1883<sup>2</sup>, and extended the boundaries of this still-new suburban town which was becoming a desirable place of residence for commuters to the Capital city. (An 1878 account describes the new town as follows: "Hyattsville, on the Washington Branch of the Baltimore Ohio Railroad, is a beautiful village, tasteful houses in the modern style of architecture, ornamented with gardens and lawns, is largely indebted, for its prosperity, to Christopher C. Hyatt, ....it has gradually increased in beauty and prosperity until it stands as one of the foremost villages between Baltimore and Washington."<sup>3</sup>)

The Tises, who ran a retail grocery in Hyattsville,<sup>4</sup> sold their house in 1905; it was later the home of the Kessler family for more than twenty years.<sup>5</sup> The Kesslers sold the house in 1931 to the Rogers family, who undertook several alterations. A Victorian porch which spanned the east facade was removed, and the present Classical Revival porch was built at the entrance; the leaded fanlight and sidelights were also added at this time.<sup>6</sup> Since 1964, this house has been the home of the Hannon family.<sup>7</sup> It is a noticeable landmark in the town of Hyattsville: one of many Victorian houses still standing in good condition in this historic town, but unique in its individual plan, and a good example of its period and style.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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cf. Chain of Title  
cf. Notes, Item #8

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 14,131 sq. ft.

TM #42, Block F, lots 28 &amp; 27

Quadrangle name Washington East, Section E

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Susan G. Pearl, Research Historian , and Lois Snyderman		
organization	Historic Preservation Commission	date	July 1985
street & number	c/o County Planning Division County Administration Building	telephone	952-3521
city or town	Upper Marlboro,	state	MD. 20772

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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## 7. Continued

There are two interior corbelled brick chimneys at the ridge, one at the north gable end, and another to the south behind the cross gable. The roof is asphalt shingle and the main block of the house rests on a high brick foundation. Exposed rafter ends punctuate the overhanging eaves, and windows are 2/2 double-hung sash, generally arranged in pairs.

The interior of the house consists of central stairhall with two connecting parlors on the south, and one large parlor on the north. The staircase rises at the rear (west) of the hall; it has a heavy turned newel of arts-and-crafts style, and has turned balusters. The rear (west) of the house consists of a kitchen. The two south parlors were once connected by sliding doors. Each of these parlors had a diagonal fireplace in its center north corner. The fireplace in the west parlor is now covered over. The east (front) parlor has a handsome Classical Revival mantel (wooden and painted white) with applied raised molding in rinceaux pattern; the shelf is supported by acanthus-covered console brackets, and has a dentilled frieze.

The north parlor has a fireplace centered on its north (exterior) wall; it is similar in style to that in the east parlor, but not identical. It has raised moldings of rosettes, urns and swags, and has a dentilled frieze. Glass double doors have replaced the sliding doors at the entrance of this north parlor. The parlors have plaster ceiling medallions with floral ornament.

#8. Continued

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Deed JWB #14:398; Prince George's County Tax assessments, 1890's
- 2 Plat JWB #2:618
- 3 G. M. Hopkins, Atlas of Prince George's County, 1878.
- 4 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1890-1905; Prince George's County Census, 1900.
- 5 Prince George's County Deeds #63:532; interview with members of Kessler family
- 6 Prince George's County Deed #364:439; conversation with James Rogers, July 1985.
- 7 Prince George's County Deed #3041:12.

Chain of Title

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#3041:12 28 Aug 1964 Deed	Basil R. and Kathleen Littin to Martin J. and Alice L. Hannon; lots 28, 29 and the northerly 10 feet for the full depth of lot 27, Block F, in Wine and Johnson's Second Addition to Hyattsville; same which grantors acquired by #1823:419.
#1823:419 1 Feb 1955 Deed	Robert J. and Esther M. Hawkins to Basil R. and Kathleen Littin; lots 28, 29 and the northerly 25 feet of lot 27, Block F; same as conveyed by #1271:392.
#1271:392 9 Sept 1950 Deed	Stuart and A. Mildred Portner to Robert J. and Esther M. Hawkins; lots 28, 29 and the northerly 25 feet of lot 27, Block F; same which grantors acquired by #956:453.
#956:453 20 Aug 1947 Deed	Anna C. and James W. Rogers to Stuart and A. Mildred Portner; lots 28, 29 and the north 25 feet of lot 27, Block F; same which grantors acquired by #364:439.
#364:439 28 Apr 1931 Deed	Agnes C. and Clarence Kessler to Anna C. Rogers; lots 28, 29 and the north 25 feet of lot 27, Block F; same which grantors acquired by #63:532.
#63:532 6 Jul 1912 Deed	Agnes Magruder, widow, to Agnes C. Kessler; lots 26, 27, 28 and 29, Block F; as per plat recorded JWB#2:618.
#67:180 20 Jun 1910 Deed	Mae Brown and William Shedd Holton of D.C. to Agnes Magruder; lots 26, 27, 28 and 29, Block F; same which grantors acquired 28 Feb 1905.
#21:462 28 Feb 1905 Deed	Rachel A. and George Tise to May Brown Holton; lots 26, 27, 28 and 29, Block F; same which grantors acquired by #JWB#16:746 and JWB#14:398.
JWB #14:398 13 Feb 1890 Deed	George J. and Annie E. Johnson and Lewis D. Wine, widower, to Rachel A. Tise; lots 27, 28 and 29, Square F. Johnson and Wine's Second Addition to Hyattsville; as per plat recorded JWB #2:618.







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Tise-Hannon House

Prince George's County, MD

Lois Snyderman

May 1985

Southeast 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust , Annapolis, MD



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North elevation

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Southwest 3/4 elevation

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East entrance  
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